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TO : DIRECTOR
FROM : RIO DE JANEIRO
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1. AMSTRUT-1 VISITED 13 DECEMBER BY (MARIO ROGERIO MESTRINHO DE MELLO OFFICIAL IN BRAZILIAN EMBASY) HAVANA NOW ON LEAVE (RIOD.) (MESTRINHO) REPORTED FOLL:

A. (BRAZILIAN EMB BASTIAN PINTO INTOXICATED) MORE FREQUENTLY AND FOR EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME.

B. WIDE RUMOR ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT FIDEL CASTRO AFTER HIS T.V. APPEARANCE ON 6 DECEMBER RESULTED KILLING MAN NEXT TO HIM. CASTRO UNINJURED. WOULD-BE KILLER STILL AT LARGE.

C. RECENT BRAZILIAN FOREIGN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS RESULTING DIFFICULTIES BRAZIL COMMIES DESIRING VISIT CUBA. NO DETAILS GIVEN.

D. WIDE RUMOR CUBAN JOSE "PEPE" GLANUZA MET LEE OSWALD IN MEXICO BEFORE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

E. (MESTRINHO) RETURNING CUBA LATE JANUARY 1964. AGREED TAKE PERSONAL ITEMS REQUESTED BY A-1'S FRIENDS.

2. (MESTRINHO) ALSO DELIVERED TO A-1 LETTER FROM (MARIANNA ARGUELLES) WHO WROTE:

A. COMMOTE ELIGERIO ALEN...RA, FORMER CHIEF OF ... ICE IN HAVANA HAS NOT YET RETURNED FROM ALGIERS WITH GROUP CUBANS ... THERE

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FOR TRAINING MISSION.

B. (HUSBAND) RAUL DIAZ ARGUELLES, WHO STILL STRONG ... TROITE, WILL SOON GO WITH CLASS TO MOSCOW FOR SIX MONTHS ADDITIONAL TRAINING AFTER FINISHING COURSE SUPERIOR WAR SCHOOOL ON CUBA.

C. (MARIANNA) WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW SHE CAN AGAIN WRITE TO "PANCHO." COMMENT: A-1 SAYS THIS INDICATION (MARIANNA) WANTS TO COOPERATE WITH ANTI-COMMUNISTS AGAIN.

3. IN ANOTHER LETTER, AMSTRUT-2 WROTE A-1 FOLL:

A. SHE HAD HEARD FROM "FRIENDS" AND HAS FURNISHED REQUESTED DATA TO OBTAIN THEIR (TRAVEL) DOCUMENTATION, BUT TO DATE NO ACTION.

B. HER SITUATION VERY DIFFICULT, BUT VOICED STRONG HOPE CUBA WOULD EVENTUALLY OVERCOME ITS CURRENT PROBLEMS. SAID A-1 WAS RIGHT ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AFTER MOTHER DIED. LETTER OTHERWISE HOLIDAY GREETING.

4. A-1 SAID (MESTRINHO) WHO HAD (BROUGHT LETTERS WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE AMBASSADOR PINTO) DID NOT KNOW CONTENTS, NOR BELIEVED TO HAVE KNOWN ORIGINATORS OTHER THAN (MARIANNA ALEMJEIRA). A-1 HAS CONFIDENCE (MESTRINHO AS BEING TRUSTED COURIER). A-1 HOWEVER ADVISED (MESTRINHO) ACTED VOLUNTARILY UPON REQUEST FROM HER FRIENDS, SINCE A-1 HAS WRITTEN NO LETTERS A/ PER KUBARK INSTRUCTIONS.

5. SINCE A-1 INTENDED TO PURCHASE LOCALLY SHOES, SOAP, SHAMPOO, ROLL FILM, ETC., REQUESTED BY (MARIANNA ALEMJEIRA) STATION OFFERED TO SUPPLY SAME AS FAVOR A-1

6. OTHER THAN NOTED ABOVE, DOES HEADQUARTERS HAVE ANY INTEREST (MESTRINHO AS COURIER) FOR RIOD.

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